allowance as before as personal to them.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Vigilance enquiry against Manager, NCCF

2126. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the replies to the Unstarred Questions 2424 and 4171 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th and 28th August, 1987 respectively and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the then Dy. Manager (Imports) now Manager (Admn.) is one of the two officers having been held responsible by the vigilance Enquiry in the NCCF for not enforcing the Bank Guarantee of Rs. 2 lakh during its validity period; and

(b) if so, why action similar to the action taken against 10 officers of the NCCF in May/June '86, has not been taken against the concerned Manager found involved by the NCCF's Vigilance Enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The Enquiry officer held the officer responsible for the lapse, but the Departmental Viligance enquiry did not hold anybody responsible for not enforcing the Bank Guarantee. As already stated in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4171, on 28th of August, 1987, the case has been referred to the CBI and appropriate action would be taken on receipt of the CBI Report.

Drinking water for Seelampur, Delhi

2127. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drinking water is not available to residents of Seelampur in Delhi and that as a result thereof residents of this locality have to take such water which is highly dangerous to their health;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to make drinking water available to the residents of this locality and how much time is likely to be taken in making pure drinking water available to residents of this locality; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against Officers of DDA responsible for this lapse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) In Seelampur I to IV, water is being supplied by tubewells owned by DDA as well as from MCD mains. In addition, the water is also being supplied by hand pumps.

(b) Under the additional facilities the work for providing individual connections to the residents of this colony is already in progress. An overhead tank at Brahmpuri has already been constructed. The work of peripheral water supply from overhead tank to Seelampur is already in progress. It is expected that individual connections will be provided to the residents of this colony within four months after water is made avilable by MCD.

(c) Potable water is being supplied to the colony.

सिन्दरी उर्वरक संयंत्र को बन्द करने का प्रस्ताव

2128. **श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार सिन्दरी स्थित उर्वरक संयंत्र को बन्द करने का विचार रखती है, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) इस संयंत्र में कार्यरत मजदूरों को वैकल्पिक रोजगार देने के सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या योजना है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में उर्वरक विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० प्रभु) : (क) भारतीय उर्वरक निगम के सिन्दरी उर्वरक कम्पलेक्स में दो संयंत्र हैं, अर्थात सिन्दरी सुव्यवस्थीकरण संयंत्र तथा सिन्दरी आधुनिकीकरण संयंत्र। केवल सिन्दरी सुव्यवस्थीकरण संयंत्र को बन्द करने का प्रस्ताव है, जिसने कच्चे माल की घटिया किस्म तथा डिजाइन त्रुटियों के कारण अक्तूबर, 1984 से उत्पादन करना बन्द कर दिया है।

(ख) फालतू कर्मचारियों को स्वैच्छिक सेवा निवृत्ति का प्रस्ताव देने का निर्णय किया गया है।

Research on pulses

2129. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp spurt in the prices of pulses in recent months;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the agricultural research in the country has by and large concentrated on wheat and to some extent on rice and the pulses have been grossly neglected with the result that while the productivity of rice and wheat has risen noticeably, that of pulses has remained stagnant;

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard;

(e) whether it is also a fact that a National Pulses Development Project was launched in 1986-87; and

(f) if so, when; what is the amount spent so far on this project and whether it has been able to provide the right kind of thrust to pulses, and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) There has been an increasing trend in the prices of pulses which is largely due to hoarding by the traders assuming that the production of pulses might be retarded due to the prevailing drought conditions.

(c) and (d) There is no question of neglecting research work on pulses. The I.C.A.R. has a network of 31 centres including multi-disciplinary regional and sub-centres etc. For basic research on pulses, Directorate of Pulses Research has also been established since 1977 at Kanpur.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. The National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) was started in 1986-87 and a sum of Rs. 463.22 lakhs was released to the States under this project and Rs. 550.59 lakhs for the year 1987-88 has been provided to the States. It is expected that NPDP would provide the right kind of thrust at the State level. The components provided in National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) are:—

1. Distribution of Seed Minikits.
2. Block Demonstrations.
3. Adaptive trials.
4. Biological control of pod borer.
5. Training of extension workers.
6. Production of breeder and foundation seed.
7. Plant protection chemicals.
8. Organisation of seed villages.
9. Stocking and pre-positioning of seed.